என்பதை இரண்டணு வரை உயர்த்தினுல் கைத்தறித் துணி இன்னும் அதிகமான அளவுக்கு விற்பனை ஆகும் என்பதை சர்க்கார் ஆலோசனை செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" 'ரிபேட்'ஐக் கணக்கு வழக்கு இல்லாமல் உயர்த்திக்கொண்டே போவது சரியல்ல என்பது அரசாங்கத்தினுடைய அபிப்பிராயம்."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, very few of the handloom weavers have come under co-operative societies which sell handloom cloth and a majority of them are still outside them. There are also hundreds of shops where handloom cloth is sold but the rebate is not given. The Hon. Minister said that the rebate is allowed in the case of fair price shops run by private dealers. Almost all shops are registered and I do not know what the Hon. Minister means by 'fair price shops.' Therefore, may I know what is the difficulty in the way of the Government allowing the rebate in the case of all shops which deal in handloom cloth? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, Government can extend this rebate facility to all private dealers. But, Government also have to look into the question of taking necessary steps to prevent abuses. Evidently the hon. Member refers to the peculiar conditions in Malabar district. Government will examine in what further way they can extend facilities for the sale of handloom cloth in the district of Malabar." 11–20 a.m.

Arrears of increment due to teachers in Malabar

* 922 Q.—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many teachers, under the Harijan Welfare Department, Malabar, have been paid the arrears of increments due to them from 1947 onwards ; and

(*b*) the number of teachers still to be paid the arrears of increment?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) None of the teachers has been paid increments from 1947. Necessary action has been taken to draw and disburse the increments expeditiously.

" (*b*) 160 teachers."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know the reason for not paying the increments since 1947 and may I know also the action taken by the Government to expedite the payment of increments to the teachers? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The pay of these teachers was revised in 1947. When some arrear bills were sent to the Accountant-General for pre-audit, he said that the pay re-fixation statement of 1947 should be got approved by him before the arrear bills were passed. This was under

correspondence between the Collector and the Accountant-General, and the pay re-fixation statement could be got approved only in 1953. The increments were then sanctioned and some supplemental bills were prepared. This work could not be attended to more expeditiously as there was not adequate staff in the Collector's Office. Sufficient staff has now been sanctioned and almost all the teachers have been paid."

Sri O. Koran :—" May I know whether it is a fact that an explanation has been called for from the Harijan Welfare School Teachers' Association for having sent a copy of their representation to the Collector of Malabar regarding this matter to a Member of this Assembly who forwarded it to the concerned Minister and if so for what reasons? "

The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran :—" I do not know the contents of the representations sent to the Government. The Government have not received any representations at all."

Sri M. Palaniyandi :—" நாடு விடுதலை அடைந்த பிறகு எழு ஆண்டுகளாக சாதாரணமாக உபாத்தியாயர்களுக்கு சம்பள உயர்வு கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. காரணம் கலெக்டர் ஆபீசில் போதிய சிப்பந்திகள் இல்லாமல் இருப்பதுதான் என்று சொல்லப்படுகிறது. உபாத்தியாயர்களுடைய கஷ்டங்களை உணர்ந்து அவர்களுக்கு உடனடியாக எழு ஆண்டுகளுக்கு சேரவேண்டிய பணத்தைக் கொடுப்பதற்கு ஆவன செய்வார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran :—" இது விஷயமாக அக்கவுண்டன்ட்-ஜெனரலுக்கும் கலெக்டருக்கும் கடிதப்போக்கு வரத்து இருந்துவருகிறது என்று முன்னமே சொன்னேன். Pay refixation அவ்வளவு சுலபமல்ல. இதற்காக அதிகமான சிப்பந்திகளை அமர்த்தி இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆதலால் சீக்கிரம் முடியும் என்று நம்புகிறேன்."

Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar :—" Sir, it is for a period of eight years that increments due to the teachers employed under the Harijan Welfare Department have not been paid and that too for technical reasons. May I know from the Hon. Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport whether it is not a fact that since the stoppage of increments due to the teachers employed under the Harijan Welfare Department, so many kinds of increments were given to teachers working in other departments? May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is also a fact that extra staff has already been sanctioned in Hosur and also other sub-treasuries for facilitating early payment of salaries to teachers employed in other departments? May I know from the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport why the increments to these teachers alone were stopped for the last eight years? Is it because these teachers work under the Harijan Welfare Department and teach Harijan pupils? "

The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran :—" There is no use of harping on the same subject. I have already explained in